

## **DOVER WARRANT COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the March 31, 2021 Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Rob Andrews, Melissa Herman, Cam Hudson, Gordon Kinder, Sara Kinney, Janet McCormick, Steve Migausky, Peter Smith, Andy Ursitti

**Others in attendance:** Bob Springett, Selectman; Gerry Clarke & Kay Petersen, Board of Health

**Location:** on-line, via Zoom

*Mr. Kinder called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.*

Mr. Kinder opened the meeting with a review of COVID-related remote meeting procedures

Mr. Kinder asked for any citizens' comments. Mr. Clarke asked why funds for a project were put in the Selectmen's budget rather than his board's. He was referred to the Town Administrator

The minutes of March 10 and 15 were approved unanimously.

Dr. Petersen explained the Board of Health's reasoning for requesting part-time administrative help to reduce the backlog of requests and increase availability. The job requires specific training and is not amenable to temp staffing. A shared, full-time resource is feasible, once trained. A professional analysis of current department procedures is desired.

Mr. Kinder recounted the last Selectmen's meeting regarding Free Cash. They voted to recommend \$1,900,000 to reduce the tax rate; \$600,000 for the Capital Stabilization Fund; \$100,000 for one-time projects; \$700,000 for the Town House roof.

Votes on Warrant articles:

- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$600,000 be appropriated for the purpose of Article 10 (Capital Stabilization Fund), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$1,900,000 be appropriated for the purpose of Article 25 (Free Cash to Stabilize the Tax Rate), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 8-1-0.
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for the purpose of Article 12 (One-Time Projects), seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- Mr. Smith moved that regarding Article 1 (Reports of the Various Committees), the Warrant Committee recommend that the various reports be called over by the Clerk so that any voter who desires to object to any of the reports may so signify; and further that if there are no objections, the reports as printed in the Town Report and in this Blue Book be accepted and placed on file; seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- Mr. Smith moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the salaries of elected officials in Article 2 be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- Mr. Smith read over the Capital Budget items in Article 5, and hearing no holds moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the items be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- Mr. Smith read over the Operating Budget items in Article 4, and hearing no holds moved that the Warrant Committee recommend that the items be approved, seconded by Mr. Ursitti. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Mr. Kinder noted that the Moderator, in consultation with public health authorities, is recommending a quorum of 18 for Annual Town Meeting on May 1.

*There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by unanimous proclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.*

*The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 7.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary